

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that approximately \$200,000 has been awarded to United Health Centers of San Joaquin Valley, Inc. in Parlier from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The grant will be used as supplemental funding to expand the facility's services.

"Making healthcare available to those often overlooked by the system is of vital interest to us all and these funds will help to promote this important task," Congressman Costa Stated.

United Health Centers of San Joaquin Valley, Inc. currently provides health related services to seven cities within Fresno County. The organization has served as a rural health collaborative that reaches out to underprivileged communities and offers assistance to members of those communities.

In Parlier, individuals can partake in preventative health measures, obtain access to dental and pharmaceutical services, acquire pre-natal and peri-natal care and receive treatment for a variety of other health related ailments. The center utilizes numerous programs, such as Medi Cal and Sliding Fees, to help the people they serve pay for the much needed care offered by United Health Centers of San Joaquin Valley, Inc.

"Rural residents benefit greatly from programs such as these and it is our job to continue to do the best we can to implement similar programs throughout the Valley," Congressman Costa concluded.